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The Lone Judge

Mr. Allen Dulles, head of the cloak-and-dagger Central Intelligence Agency, opposes a bill now before the Senate which would create a Congressional "watchdog" committee for C.I.A.

The bill would empower a twelve-man committee drawn from the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees to ask C.I.A. how it's doing in intelligence matters and where the money's going that it spends. These are questions Congress cannot now ask.

Mr. Dulles doesn't like the idea; he says that if the bill becomes law there might be "leaks" of agency secrets from the committee which might en-

danger the plans and programs of C.I.A. We can recall no important "leaks" from the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee which watchdogs the A.E.C.

Apparently a number of Senators don't agree with Mr. Dulles' ideas on the subject. Thirty-five of them sponsored the "watchdog" bill under which Mr. Dulles will have to "leak" some information to the Congress which created the secret agency. Mr. Dulles may make no mistakes in assessing intelligence; but he should not be the lone judge in matters that have to do with the intentions of other nations for war or peace.